Admission of Scheduled Caste students in Delhi University

420. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Scheduled Caste students admitted in the various colleges of Delhi University as against the number of students who applied for admission and how does the admission figure compare with the reservations of seats in each of the colleges during the current academic year; and

(b) what are the reasons for the shortfall, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) 22.5 per cent (15 per cent for Scheduled Castes and 7.5 per cent Scheduled Tribe) of the total number of seats in various colleges of Delhi University are reserved for SC|ST candidates.

In Science Courses, all the 400 SC|ST candidates registered have been offered admission. In Arts & Social Sciences, out of 3326 SC|ST candidates registered, 3190 candidates have been offered admission. The remaining candidates are being adjusted in the courses where reserved seates are still available.

Railway conversion projects

421. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total budget allocation during the seventh Five Year Plan for the ongoing Metre Gauge to Broad Gauge conversion projects of the Railways in different parts of the country;

(b) how Government propose to complete these projects within stipulated time in the face of constraint of funds; and

(c) by when the Mamad-Parbhani-Parlo and Adilabad-Parbhani Metre Gauge to Broad Gauge conversion project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Rs. 150 Crores.

(b) It will be possible to complete only a few conversion projects in VIIth Plan.

(c) Completion of these projects will, depand on availablity or resources for Gauge conversions in the coming years.

Restructuring of Shipping Development Fund Committee

422. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which was recently published in some leading Newspapers about scrapping|re-structuring of the shipping Development Fund Committee (SDFC) and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what are the year-wise details of loans|advances|subsidies| guarantees given by shipping Development Fund Committee during the last 10 years, including the names of the beneficiary companies and the outstandings of principals and interests due from each; and

(c) what are the steps taken or proposed to be taken to recover outstanding dues from each of the defaulting companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) (a) Government has decided that the mechanism of providing credit to shipping industry through Shipping Development Fund

Committee has ceased to be relevant in the present context. It has been decided that like other financial organisations, funding and financing of ships should also be handled by the Ministry of Finance through an appropriate designated financial institution. A Working Group has been set up to look into the modalities of transferring this work from Shipping Development Fund Committee to the new designated institution which is proposed to be set up under the Companies Act by the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) as promotor along with other financial institutions.

(b) Details are given at Annexure I, II, III and IV. [*See* Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 22, 23, 24 and 25].

(c) Steps taken by Shipping Development Fund Committee to recover the dues from defaulting shipping companies include issuance of notices to all defaulting shipping companies to repay the defaulted amounts and foreclosure of mortgages against the ships of companies and getting them sold through courts and adjusting the sale proceeds towards the defaulted amounts. Further steps proposed by Government for recovering outstanding dues from defaulting companies, include certain legislative measures for speedier and effective recoveries

Need of helicopter services in various sectors

423. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a growing need for helicopter services in various sectors like petroleum sector, intra-city transport etc.;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that several projects involving acquisition of helicopters in the State/private sector have been delayed because of the insistence on the part of the Helicopter Corporation of India that a no-objection certificate be obtained from it for such acquisition;

(d) whether it is mandatory to obtain approval of the Helicopter Corporation of India for acquiring helicopters; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Based on the projections of Oil & Natural Gas Commission of their workload till the end of the 7th Plan period (1989-90), the requirements of medium helicopters is not likely to increase beyond 25 during the period 1987—90, while the requirements of small helicopters for pipeline support is expected to increase from 9 to 15 by 1990. The requirements of the Non-Oil Sector including intra-city transport are at present estimated at 17 medium helicopters.

(c) to (e) It is at present not mandatory for State Governments or the private sector to obtain 'No objection certificates from the Helicopter Corporation of India Ltd. before acquiring helicopters.

Acquisition of Helicopters by the Holicopter Corporation of India

424. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Helicopter Corporation of India has decided to acquire only medium-sized helicopters from the U. K. and France.

(b) if so, what are their plans in regard to the acquiring of big and small sized helicopters; and

(c) whether the H.C.I. is being allowed to lease helicopters from foreign manufacturers and, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.